

B I S T A .

According to Monier Williams Bista or 'Vista' was 'a weight of gold (equal to 80 Raktikās or a Karsha of 16 Māshās). It is however explicitly called 'gold coin' in the Mahākāvya of Hemachandra which was of 16 Māshās weight. No other literary works or epigraphs, earlier or later, refer to it either as a coin or a weight. It is, therefore, not possible to identify it with any coin known so far.

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1. Williams M.M. - Sanskrit English Dictionary, p.1001.
 2. Dvyāśraya Mahākāvya, 4, 445.